

Department of Toxic Substances Control
Project Status Update
for
Wyle Laboratories Norco Facility Site
June 6, 2005

SITE INVESTIGATION/CLEANUP

- Wyle is preparing a workplan for our review and approval to conduct indoor air sampling at the three schools near the Wyle site. Indoor air sampling was requested to address community concerns and to collect information about off-site movement of chemical contaminants through bedrock fractures. DTSC will coordinate this sampling with the school district.
- We are evaluating what areas along the site boundary require soil and/or groundwater testing. More testing, as well as some re-testing, is needed because a significant rise in the groundwater table due to heavy rainfall this year may have altered conditions at the site boundary. The original Boundary Assessment (soil gas and groundwater sampling along parts of the Wyle property boundary) was conducted in 2004 after several years of drought.
- We are still reviewing the revised Technical Memorandum for sampling a residential property on Third Street next to the Wyle site. A water sample from a drain pipe in the driveway contained trichloroethene (TCE), which is a chemical of concern at Wyle. In response to DTSC's comments on the draft Technical Memorandum, Wyle will collect soil gas and groundwater samples near the home and the drain pipe will be traced to its source, which is currently unknown. We will provide our comments or approval this week.
- Wyle has agreed to re-test the soil gas and indoor air at three homes on Golden West Lane. Due to groundwater in the soil gas probes next to the home foundations, soil gas sampling was not conducted along with the indoor air sampling as required to give the most accurate results. We have not yet set a date for this re-sampling.
- Demolition activities onsite are ongoing. Prior to demolition, buildings are surveyed for asbestos-containing material (ACM) and lead-based paint (LBP). Demolition starts only after the buildings are certified free from ACM/LBP. During demolition, dust control measures such as lightly spraying the dirt are used to ensure no significant amount of dust is generated. Demolition involves only above-ground structures without removal of foundations or significant disturbance of soil. DTSC does not have jurisdiction over the demolition activities, but we have asked St. Clair (the property owners) to document the safety measures they use to ensure that on-site workers and the surrounding residents are not impacted by demolition activities. St. Clair will submit a copy of the Safety Plan to DTSC this week.

- Buildings demolished to date: F2, F3, F4, F5, F5-4, F6, F1C, F9, F12, F10, H3, H4, H5, H8, E, E1, E2, E5, S, M1, F5 Area Buildings, J2, and J3.
- Wood and building debris continue to be stockpiled next to F-10 to be moved offsite as needed.
- Removal of metal salvage, wood, and building debris will be conducted from the back of the property to the front.

Upcoming Activities:

- Continued removal of remaining metal salvage throughout the site
- Demolition of remaining motor pool buildings
- Demolition of “A” building
- Continued general area cleanup and hauling away of trash
- Weed abatement (with no significant digging or soil disturbance)

➤ Ongoing Remedial Investigation activities:

- Onsite: No field work conducted last week.
- Offsite: Last week, sampling of a private well at 965 Third Street; water level gauging in Wells MW-14 and MW-15; and sampling of all off-site wells.

Sampling planned for this week:

- Onsite: Soil and grab groundwater sampling in Areas F, E, and H.
- Offsite: Soil gas sampling in the backyards of five residences along Third Street (near Hillside Avenue).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- No change from last week's update.